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TAGS: PBOR, MARR, UNSC, IS, LE, XF
SUBJECT: SOUTH LEBANON: POSSIBLE SHOWDOWN IN KAWKABA

1. AT 1640 LOCAL UN SOURCE REPORTS FOLLWING CRITICAL SITUATION:
(A) LEBANESE FORCE COMMANDER SAAD IS BACK IN KAWKABA AND
"DOES NOT WANT TO TALK TO ANYONE."
(B) HADDAD HAS STATED MILITIAS WILL BRING TANKS UP TO HIGH
GROUND OVERLOOKING KAWKABA. UNIFIL TOLD HIM HE COULD NOT DO
THIS. HADDAD'S REPLY, "WE'LL SEE."
(C) UNIFIL COL RANA IS IN THE AREA AND HAS ADVISED UN
PERSONNEL TO GO TO SHELTERS.

2. RELIABLE UN SOURCE WHO HAS TALKED TO HADDAD TWICE
AUGUST 1 BELIEVES HADDAD HAS BURNT HIS BRIDGES BY FIRING ON
LEBANESE ARMY. HE DOUBTS HADDAD WOULD TAKE MORE ACCOMMO-
DATING POSITION EVEN IF ISRAELIS WERE NOT PRESENT. UN
REPORTS SINCE JUNE 13 THEY HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO ARRANGE
MEETING WITH HADDAD WITHOUT SOME ISRAELI OFFICER BEING
PRESENT.

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3. RE PARA FIVE BEIRUT 4366, UN CONFIRMS SPORADIC FIRING
THROUGHOUT THE NIGHT FROM VICINITY MARJAYOUN. CHRISTIANS
HAVE 105S AND THREE 155 HOWITZERS. UN HAS NO REPEAT NO
EVIDENCE ISRAELIS HAVE THEMSELVES FIRED OR HAVE BEEN DIRECTLY
INVOLVED IN FIRING.

4. COMMENT: THINGS MAY HAVE NOW COME TO A HEAD. DOES
AMBASSADOR PARKER KNOW WHAT INSTRUCTIONS HAVE BEEN GIVEN
TO SAAD OR WHAT LEBANESE INTENTIONS ARE?

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